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The Cleveland Museum of Art Names Helen Forbes-Fields to Board of Trustees

CLEVELAND (May 17, 2005) — The Cleveland Museum of Art this month announced the naming of Helen Forbes-Fields, Esq., a partner with the law firm of Forbes, Fields and Associates, a voting trustee.

The Board also named Charles S. Hyle and Jeffrey D. Kelley as trustees. Jane Nord was named an honorary trustee.

Forbes-Fields is currently focused on litigation including employment discrimination and wrongful discharge matters. She also worked in the firm's public law and municipal finance practice. She was admitted to practice before the Ohio Supreme Court in 1985. She served as law director for the City of East Cleveland in 1997.

"Helen Forbes-Fields brings to the Museum a life-long love of the arts, a depth of knowledge and appreciation for art history and a caliber of business savvy that will serve us well in the years to come," said Director Katharine Lee Reid.

Forbes-Fields earned the bachelor's degree in political science *cum laude* from Spelman College and the J.D. degree from Howard University School of Law in 1984. She also attended Loyola University Summer Law School in Rome, Italy, in 1983.

Active in her profession, she is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers, the National Bar Association and the Cuyahoga County Bar Association. She also served as a member of the Office Review Committee during the first term of J. Kenneth Blackwell as state treasurer.

A member of Leadership Cleveland's Class of 1994, she is equally active in the community. She has served as a trustee for Karamu House, the Cleveland Institute of Art, the Cleveland Zoological Society, the Hawken School and the Cleveland Scholarship Program. She also served as a member of the Fund Allocation Panel for United Way Services, and is currently a trustee for the Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital of University Hospitals of Cleveland.

Forbes-Fields is also very active in the Museum. She is a founding member and chair of the Museum's Friends of African and African American Art affiliate group, served as member of the Facilities Planning Committee from 1997-99 and was a member of the inaugural class of Museum Associates from

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1997-98. She currently serves as a member of the Museum's Accessions Committee as well as its African American Advisory Committee.

"I have loved the Museum since my childhood," Forbes-Fields said, " and welcome the opportunity to actively participate in its continued growth and development as one of the world's most respected arts institutions."

She and her husband, Darrell A. Fields, have three children and have been members of the Museum at levels of increasing support since 1992.

The Cleveland Museum of Art is one of America's leading comprehensive museums. Its permanent collection is world renowned for its quality and breadth, spanning 6,000 years. The museum is a significant international forum for exhibitions, scholarship, and art acquisitions. For more information on the museum, its holdings, programs, services, and events, call 1-888-CMA-0033 or visit www.ClevelandArt.org.

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